

Approved December 3, 1986  
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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Transportation

The meeting was called to order by Rex Crowell at  
Chairperson

1:30 ~~xxx~~/p.m. on January 28, 1986 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Joan Adam - excused.

Committee staff present:

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes  
Hank Avila, Legislative Research  
Donna Mulligan, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mr. Ed DeSoignie, Kansas Department of Transportation  
Lt. Bill Jacobs, Kansas Highway Patrol

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crowell and the first order of business was a hearing on HB-2633 concerning the use of headlights on motor vehicles.

Representative Jim Patterson, sponsor of HB-2633, briefed the Committee on the contents of the bill and distributed a balloon detailing proposed changes. (See Attachment 1)

Committee discussion concerning the bill followed.

Mr. Ed DeSoignie of the Kansas Department of Transportation, testified in support of HB-2633. (See Attachment 2)

Mr. DeSoignie said that HB-2633, if enacted, would set out in greater detail when lighted head lamps are required. He said enactment would not impact the Department over and above the Governor's FY-1987 recommendation for the agency.

Lt. Bill Jacobs of the Kansas Highway Patrol gave favorable testimony concerning HB-2633.

The hearing on HB-2633 was concluded.

Attention was turned to HB-2666 concerning enactment of the Kansas Damage Prevention Act, and general discussion among Committee members was held.

Chairman Crowell requested that staff obtain copies of statutes from other states having laws concerning this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

  
Rex Crowell, Chairman



HOUSE BILL No. 2633

By Representative Patterson

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0045 and motorized bicycles manufactured prior to January 1, 1978.  
0046 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1703 is hereby repealed.  
0047 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and  
0048 after its publication in the statute book.

0016 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; concerning headlights;  
0017 amending K.S.A. 8-1703 and repealing the existing section.

0018 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

0019 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1703 is hereby amended to read as fol-  
0020 lows: 8-1703. (a) Every vehicle, except motorcycles, motor-  
0021 driven cycles and motorized bicycles, upon a highway within  
0022 this state, shall display lighted head and other lamps and illu-  
0023 minating devices as hereinafter respectively required for dif-  
0024 ferent classes of vehicles, subject to exceptions with respect to  
0025 parked vehicles, under the following conditions: (1) At any time  
0026 from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, and at  
0027 any other time, when; (2) during any time when, due to rain,  
0028 smoke, fog, insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric condi-  
0029 tions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly  
0030 discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead; shall display lighted  
0031 head and other lamps and illuminating devices as hereinafter  
0032 respectively required for different classes of vehicles, subject to  
0033 exceptions with respect to parked vehicles, and further that; (3) AND  
0034 stop lights, turn signals and other signaling devices shall be  
0035 lighted as prescribed for the use of such devices.

0036 (b) Motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and motorized bicycles  
0037 shall display lighted head and tail lights at all times that such  
0038 vehicles are operated on any highway.

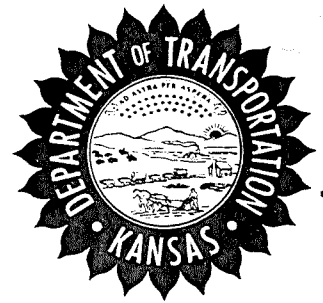
0039 (c) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, mo-  
0040 torcycles, motor-driven cycles and motorized bicycles manufac-  
0041 tured prior to January 1, 1978, shall display lamps as provided for  
0042 other vehicles in the first sentence of this section subsection (a),  
0043 and the provisions of the second sentence of this section sub-  
0044 section (b) shall not apply to motorcycles, motor-driven cycles

(2) during any time when the windshield wipers  
are in use;

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Attachment 1

# KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STATE OFFICE BUILDING—TOPEKA, KANSAS 66612—1568



JOHN B. KEMP, Secretary of Transportation

JOHN CARLIN, Governor

MEMORANDUM TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

FROM: Mr. Edward R. DeSoignie  
Policy Coordinator

REGARDING: House Bill 2633

DATE: January 28, 1986

House Bill 2633 amends K.S.A. 8-1703 to require lighted head lamps on motor vehicles during any time when rain, smoke, or fog make persons or vehicles on the highway difficult to see. Presently, the statute stipulates conditions of insufficient light, or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, or at any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

The proposed language sets out in greater detail when lighted head lamps are required. The bill may result in reductions in motor vehicle accidents.

House Bill 2633, if enacted, would not impact the Department over and above the Governor's FY 1987 budget recommendation for the agency.

The Department is supportive of the bill.

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Attach. 2*